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Lt. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg  
Director, Central Intelligence Group  
Room 2166, New War Department Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

In line with our recent conversation we are forwarding herewith a list of questions, the answers to which would, we believe, be of inestimable value not only to the Army and Navy Munitions Board in its work but to numerous other agencies of the Government, including your own organization. It is our feeling that the answers to these questions will lead to a better evaluation of the military intentions of any foreign nation, as well as being of assistance in a general evaluation of the intelligence situation with respect to such nations. It is also our feeling that this questionnaire will form the basis for determining the capacity of our potential enemies and allies to wage war and will materially assist this Board in determining our military interest in foreign trade.

The questions cover a broad range of industrial problems, each aspect of which is essential to a nation endeavoring to place itself in a position to wage war effectively. A number of other important items have intentionally been omitted at this time inasmuch as it was felt that they were so integrally related to normal peacetime developments that unusual activities in these fields would not materially aid in evaluating the country's intentions toward war. It should also be noted that there are many specific items other than those listed under each general question which would be of equal value. It is therefore suggested that in the event specific data or material on these detailed questions is not available that similar or comparable information be collected. As our studies proceed, it is most probable that we will develop the need for additional information. If such is the case, we will take the liberty to advise you of any additional data that would be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. W. Paine

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